

The Rejection Over Zimmermann

Claims 1-31 stand rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667 to Zimmermann. Applicants have amended claims independent claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, and 28 to include subject matter not found in U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667. Applicants have not introduced any new matter through these amendments. Applicants refer at least to Figures 6, 7A and 7B and at least the following sections of the application for support for the instant amendments:

Page 11, lines 17-20;

Page 22, line 27;

Page 23, line 23 through Page 24, line 7;

Page 24, lines 13-25; and

Page 25, lines 17-29.

Independent claims 1, 11, 22, 23, 27, and 28 have been amended to relate to incremental scanning. It does not appear that U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667 incorporates this effect as presently claimed. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 11, 22, 23, 27, and 28 are allowable over U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667. Likewise, dependent claims 2-10, 12-20, and 29-31 are allowable at least for the reasons claims 1, 11, 22, 23, 27, and 28 are allowable.

Independent claim 21 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, "planar views for simultaneous display". It does not appear that U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667 incorporates displaying simultaneous views. Accordingly, claim 21 is allowable.

Independent claim 24 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, "wherein said selection is chosen across said field-of-view, and said signal is generated by a remote alarm". It does not appear that U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667 incorporates the selection of the selected portion based on alarms as now claimed. Accordingly, claim 24 is allowable.

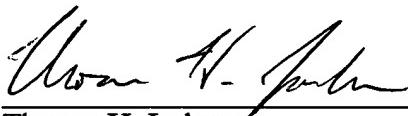
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Independent claim 25 has been amended to relate specifically to page 11, lines 17-20. This disclosure does not appear to be contained in U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667. Accordingly, claim 25 is allowable. Dependent claim 26 is believed to be allowable at least for the reasons claim 25 is allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants submit claims 1-31 are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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